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New law changes way townships can publish notices

LANSING – Legislation signed into law today would allow townships to move the publishing of notices into the 21st Century, said Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township.

“The townships in my district let me know that it was time for a change to the way they had to post notices,” George said. “Especially in such economic hard times, it made no sense to make townships expend considerable sums when cheaper and easier alternatives existed.”

Public Act 406 of 2004 amends the Charter Township Act so a township board can decide to publish its notices, ordinances and proceedings in one of two ways: in a newspaper and on the township website, or by a posting in the township clerk’s office and five other places in the township.

“I approached Senator George about the fact that the posting is done at considerable cost and is unnecessarily time consuming,” said Deb Everett, Oshtemo Township Clerk. “The internet is a viable alternative to more expensive means.”

Previously, the Charter Township Act 359 of 1947, Section 42.8, required that a synopsis of the proceedings must be published in a local newspaper and in five other public places within the township. The new law goes into effect immediately.

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